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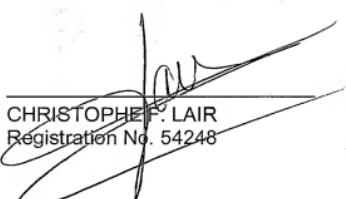
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**ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS**  
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Small Entity status is asserted for this application.

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